

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits.

Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 22-27, with the following text:

--Fig. 2 shows comparison of an amino acid sequence deduced from a nucleotide sequence of an *sucA* gene derived from *Enterobacter agglomerans* (SEQ ID NO: 1) and that derived from *Escherichia coli* (SEQ ID NO: 5), upper: *Enterobacter agglomerans*, column: *Escherichia coli*, the same shall apply to the followings).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 28 through page 7, line 2, with the following text:

--Fig. 3 shows comparison of an amino acid sequence deduced from a nucleotide sequence of an *sucB* gene derived from *Enterobacter agglomerans* (SEQ ID NO: 2) and that derived from *Escherichia coli* (SEQ ID NO: 6).--

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 3-6, with the following text:

--Fig. 4 shows comparison of an amino acid sequence deduced from a nucleotide sequence of an *sucC* gene derived from *Enterobacter agglomerans* (SEQ ID NO: 3) and that derived from *Escherichia coli* (SEQ ID NO: 7).--

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 7-10, with the following text:

--Fig. 5 shows comparison of an amino acid sequence deduced from a nucleotide sequence of an *sdhB* gene derived from *Enterobacter agglomerans* (SEQ ID NO: 4) and that derived from *Escherichia coli* (SEQ ID NO: 8).--

Please delete the original Sequence Listing at pages 49-56.

Page 59 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on a new page, please insert the attached Sequence Listing.